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FOREWORD

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
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BOOTLE.

August, 1960

To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the fifty-second Annual Report on the health of the school children in Bootle.

Dr. M. M. C. Regan was appointed School Medical Officer and Assistant Medical Officer of Health, and commenced duties on 1st May, 1959, following the resignation of Dr. C. M. Connolly. Mrs. M. T. Gavin was appointed as an additional school nurse and commenced duties on 1st August.

During the year 4,804 routine medical examinations were carried out: of these 27 children or 0.56 per cent of those examined were classified as of poor general condition as compared with 31 children or 0.75 per cent of those examined in 1958. Over the past few years there has been an almost continuous improvement in the condition of the children examined.

39,105 examinations were carried out by the school nurses for cleanliness and evidence of uncleanness was found in 1,029 instances. This is 2.6 per cent of the examinations as compared with 2.4 per cent in the previous year. As stated in previous reports, there always remains a hard core of cases who have always to be kept under supervision by the school nurses.

As in previous years, examinations were carried out by the school medical officers of entrants to the courses of training for teaching and to the teaching profession; 68 such examinations were made in accordance with the terms of Circular 249 of the Ministry of Education.

No school or department was closed during the year on account of infectious disease. There was a decrease of 3 in the number of cases of scarlet fever reported, and of 249 in the number of cases of measles, while whooping cough showed an increase of 63 cases. No cases of diphtheria were reported during the year. 314 children of school age received a complete course of inoculations against this disease and 619 previously inoculated children received a stimulating inoculation.

One case of poliomyelitis was notified in a school child. This was a girl aged 10 years who had a slight attack affecting the right foot and left thigh. She had not been inoculated. During the year 2,574 children of school age were inoculated against this disease.

The B.C.G. vaccination of children against tuberculosis, which was suspended in 1958 owing to the pressure of work in connection with the inoculation campaign against poliomyelitis, was resumed in the spring term of 1959, and 545 school children were vaccinated against this disease.

The School Health Service continued to function satisfactorily throughout the whole year, and the close co-operation between the service, the general practitioners, and the specialist services of the Regional Hospital Board was well maintained. Only one full-time Dental Officer was available throughout the year, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the assistance given to the School Dental Service by the local dental practitioners who worked on a sessional basis.

In submitting this report, I would like to acknowledge my indebtedness to the Chairman and Members of the Special Services (Education) Sub-Committee for their interest in the School Health Service; to the Director of Education and his staff; the teachers of the Borough, and the staff of my Department for their willing help and co-operation throughout the year.

T. R. ROBERTON,
Principal School Medical Officer.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER FOR 1959

Area of Bootle in acres (exclusive of river bed)—3,054.

Population of Borough—Registrar-General's estimate of population at 30th June, 1959—82,070.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. The following statement records the attendance position in January, 1960, and shows an increase of 332 on the combined rolls of the Primary and Secondary Schools as compared with the previous year.

						<i>Mean No. on Rolls</i>	<i>Average Attendance</i>
<i>Primary Schools—</i>				<i>Number</i>			
County	...	...	...	18	...	4304	3906
Voluntary	...	...	...	22	...	5146	4600
				<u>40</u>	...	<u>9450</u>	<u>8506</u>
<i>Secondary Schools—</i>							
County	...	...	...	8	...	3574	3290
Voluntary	...	...	...	6	...	1601	1404
				<u>14</u>	...	<u>5175</u>	<u>4694</u>
Mean number on Rolls (all schools)					...	...	14,625

COST. The rateable value of the Borough as at 1st April, 1959, was £1026,555.

The gross cost of medical inspection and treatment for the twelve months ended March 31st, 1959, was £19,124 compared with £17,813 for the preceding year. The Government Grant was approximately £11,120 sundry receipts totalled £591 and the net cost was £7,413 compared with £6,870 for the preceding year.

The grant, as in previous years, was at the maximum rate of 60% of the net expenditure.

The cost under this head per child on the school rolls was 26s. 9d. gross, and 10s. 4d. net, and the cost in terms of a penny rate was 4.8d. gross, and 1s. 9d. net.

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

A statistical summary of the findings of medical inspection and of the kind of treatment obtained will be found in the Ministry of Education Returns at the end of this Report.

(1) PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS. Periodic medical inspections were carried out in all schools as laid down in para. 10 of the School Health Service and Handicapped Pupils Regulations, 1953.

During the year the number of inspections totalled 4,804 made up as follows:—Entrants 1,898, Second Age Group 1,386, and Third Age Group 1,351; other inspections 169.

(2) SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS. The number of children presented for special examination was 2,767, as compared with 3,161 in the preceding year; 2,759 of these were seen at Minor Ailments Clinics, while the remaining 8 were presented at schools in the course of routine visits.

(3) RE-EXAMINATIONS. 4,663 re-examinations of children, who on examination were referred for treatment or further observation, were made during the year, as compared with 4,429 during 1958; 2,264 of these were performed at the schools, and 1,399 at the School Medical Offices and Health Centre.

(4) MISCELLANEOUS EXAMINATIONS. In addition to the ordinary work of routine and special examinations and re-inspections undertaken during the year, the following work was carried out:—

Examination of:—

Children as to fitness for employment	...	...	137
Children for ascertainment of educational sub-normality	...	...	91
Other Children	...	...	62

In addition, the Director of Education was supplied with medical histories of 297 juvenile offenders. The following table shows the number of such reports supplied during the past five years:—

1959	...	...	...	297
1958	...	...	...	309
1957	...	...	...	250
1956	...	...	...	210
1955	...	...	...	161

A summary of the defects noted at both periodic and special examinations showed that 9,033 defects were referred for treatment or further observation.

The incidence of the commoner physical defects in children examined during periodic medical inspection was as follows:—unsatisfactory physical condition, 0.6 per cent.; squint, 3.6 per cent.; external eye disease, 2.0 per cent.; chronic tonsillitis and adenoids, 7.3 per cent.; other nose and throat conditions, 4.8 per cent.; anaemia, 0.3 per cent.; lung disease, 5.4 per cent.; otorrhoea, 1.9 per cent.; other ear, 12.8 per cent.; enlarged cervical glands, 5.5 per cent.; defective vision, 21.8 per cent.; skin conditions, 7.7 per cent.; heart (cong. and func.), 4.3 per cent.; flat feet, 7.6 per cent.; posture, 1.3 per cent.; and other orthopaedic conditions, 7.2 per cent.

Children referred for treatment or further observation constituted 79.7 per cent. of the entrants examined, 72.8 per cent. of the primary leavers examined, and 60.5 per cent. of the third group examined, and 52.7 per cent of the additional inspections.

(5) STUDENT TEACHERS. In accordance with Ministry of Education Circular 249, 68 medical examinations (male 30, female 38) were carried out of entrants to courses of training for teaching, and to the teaching profession.

GENERAL CONDITION

It will be noted in Part I, Table A on page 20 that classification of the children by "physical condition" has been substituted for the former classification; and this table shows that out of a total of 4,804 children examined, 0.56 per cent. were grouped as in unsatisfactory condition.

COMPARATIVE HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS

YEAR		BOYS					
		Infants		Primary Leavers		Secondary Leavers	
		Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.
1959	...	112.0	20.3	139.4	33.4	160.4	50.8
1958	...	111.9	20.5	139.4	34.2	156.9	48.2
1957	...	111.5	20.2	138.8	33.2	156.3	46.6
1956	...	110.9	20.1	137.5	33.1	157.7	47.5
1955	...	109.3	19.6	137.6	33.0	156.1	45.9
1954	...	110.2	20.2	136.9	32.4	156.6	47.0
1953	...	110.7	20.1	137.1	32.1	158.6	48.3

YEAR		GIRLS					
		Infants		Primary Leavers		Secondary Leavers	
		Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.	Av. Ht. cm.	Av. Wt. kg.
1959	...	110.9	19.6	139.5	33.5	156.7	50.7
1958	...	111.2	19.9	139.3	34.1	155.6	50.0
1957	...	110.2	19.5	138.7	34.4	155.5	49.5
1956	...	110.7	19.9	138.2	33.9	155.5	48.5
1955	...	109.0	19.0	139.0	33.5	154.2	47.6
1954	...	109.4	19.7	136.1	32.3	154.4	48.5
1953	...	109.9	19.5	137.0	32.3	155.0	47.7

COMPARATIVE WEIGHTS (IN KILOGRAMS) OF SCHOOL ENTRANTS IN 1959 AND EARLIER YEARS

Boys					Girls				
Date of Examination		Number examined		Average Weight	Number examined		Average Weight		
1959	945	...	20.3	...	953	...	19.6
1958	622	...	20.5	...	544	...	19.9
1957	687	...	20.2	...	645	...	19.5
1956	457	...	20.1	...	427	...	19.9
1955	727	...	19.6	...	769	...	19.0
1954	621	...	20.2	...	566	...	19.7
1953	899	...	20.1	...	856	...	19.5
1952	668	...	20.7	...	693	...	19.3
1951	804	...	20.6	...	744	...	19.9
1950	525	...	19.6	...	490	...	18.8
1949	574	...	19.8	...	493	...	18.8
1948	751	...	20.1	...	720	...	19.6
1947	472	...	19.4	...	470	...	18.9

CLEANLINESS

The total number of examinations of children in the schools by School Nurses for verminous conditions was 39,105, and there were 1,029 instances in which children were noted as unclean. Last year's figures were 36,088 and 866 respectively.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

The number of children assisted by the Authority's Scheme under the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1948, for January/December, 1959, is as under:—

TOTAL APPLICATIONS ...	875	(compared with 1,073 last year)
ISSUES FREE OF COST ...	656	(includes 6 Special Schools)
„ one-third of cost ...	3	
„ two-thirds of cost ...	1	
„ FULL COST ...	26	(includes 22 Special Schools)
Referred to N.A.B. ...	614	of whom 99 were assisted in cash or kind, 425 refused and 90 cases are outstanding.

In the period under review no cases were taken to Court during the year.

This scheme for provision of clothing gives the opportunity, of which full advantage is taken, of close co-operation between the various agencies interested in the welfare of children. These agencies are co-ordinated by the Medical Officer of Health who acts as Co-ordinating Officer in connection with children who may be neglected in their own homes. In this capacity he is notified, at once, of any cases coming to the notice of the Education Department in which there is a possibility of neglect or ill treatment of children.

MINOR AILMENTS CLINIC

The daily clinics for the treatment of minor ailments dealt with 2,637 defects, amongst which minor septic infections of the skin were the commonest conditions. The attendances numbered 8,323, excluding 51 of children below school age, as compared with 9,431 in 1958. 217 exclusion certificates were given, mainly on account of minor ailments but also on account of infectious diseases.

SKIN DISEASES

As a result of the inspections at the Minor Ailments Clinics, 1,149 children, or 44 per cent of the total number of children attending, were found to be suffering from infections of the skin. Details of these infections are given in Table D on page 25.

Scabies Clinic

The incidence of scabies among school children is shown in the following table:—

				<i>Cases found at Special Examinations</i>	<i>Cases found at Routine Inspections</i>
1959	...	...	...	18	2
1958	...	...	...	28	5
1957	...	...	...	36	4
1956	...	...	...	19	7
1955	...	...	...	37	6
1954	...	...	...	23	2
1953	...	...	...	22	Nil
1952	...	...	...	10	Nil
1951	...	...	...	8	Nil
1950	...	...	...	9	Nil

VISION AND EYE DEFECTS

VISION. Entrants are not examined for defective vision at routine examinations, but during the year the other age groups were so examined, and 583 or 20.9 per cent were found to have defective vision requiring further examination by the Ophthalmic Surgeon. In addition, 1,404 eight-year-olds were tested with Snellen's Types by School Nurses and 97 were referred for examination by the Ophthalmic Surgeon.

Ophthalmic Clinic

The number of new cases seen at the Clinic during 1959 was 438, and the total number of attendances was 2,351.

All children with glasses have their visual acuity tested by the School Ophthalmic Surgeon once a year, if circumstances permit, while the cases of high myopia receive full examination more frequently.

Squint

At routine examinations 152 cases of squint were found, and 9 cases were found among pupils specially referred for examination.

External Eye Diseases

Inflammatory conditions of the external eye were noted in 100 cases at periodic inspections, and in 225 cases at special inspections.

DISEASES OF THE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

The total number of cases dealt with in 1959 was 242 (this total included 7 infants below school age). The 235 school children included 51 cases of otorrhoea, 47 other ear defects, 69 of defects of nose and throat, and 34 of deafness; and the toddlers included 5 defects of nose and throat, 1 otorrhoea and 1 other ear defect.

During the year, 18 consultative aural clinics were held by Mr. Bauer. 236 examinations were made (including 7 toddlers), and 80 cases referred to the special department of local hospitals.

Tonsils and Adenoids

At periodic inspections during the past year, disease of both tonsils and adenoids was detected in 7.3 per cent. 35 cases are known to have received operative treatment as in-patients at local hospitals.

DENTAL SERVICE

The dental work has again been carried out by one full-time officer, and three part-time officers, giving an effective total strength of about 1.5 dental officers.

The condition of children's teeth continues to deteriorate, especially in the case of deciduous teeth. Although such a small staff cannot hope to cope with approximately 15,000 school children, the state of children's teeth would be considerably improved if parents saw to it that they discouraged, as far as possible, the eating of sweets and sweet confectionery, especially between meals; also, if they promoted the habit of tooth-cleaning, or at least the rinsing out of the mouth after every meal.

Now there is such a big part of the population in Netherton, a Dental Clinic there would be of great benefit. There seems to be a reluctance on the part of many to travel so far to the clinic for dental treatment.

TUBERCULOSIS

When considered necessary, the School Medical Officers refer children to the Chest Clinic for X-Ray.

In April, a teacher in a senior girls' school was found to have active pulmonary tuberculosis. All the children whom she had taught whilst employed by this Authority were traced and offered examination. There were 163 child contacts, of whom 109 were X-rayed, as were also 6 members of the staff. None of the contacts examined showed any evidence of infection. Seventeen children had been tested under the B.C.G. scheme immediately prior to this, and had been found to be negative, and an X-ray examination was not considered necessary.

CRIPPLING DEFECTS AND ORTHOPAEDICS

There is no change to record in the arrangements described in former reports for the ascertainment and treatment of crippling defects.

Orthopaedic Clinic

Sessions are held at intervals of approximately two weeks, with Mr. F. C. Dwyer as Consultant Surgeon and Mr. W. Ellis, Orthopaedic Registrar. A representative from the Liverpool Child Welfare Association has attended, thereby ensuring co-ordination in after-care.

Orthopaedic Surgeons paid 18 visits to the Clinic during the year, and examined 408 cases referred to them. Of the patients seen, 109 were discharged, while 268 were advised to remain under treatment and supervision; 31 cases were referred to hospital.

A Remedial Exercises Clinic is held each Saturday morning under the direction of a School Nurse, mainly for the correction of flat feet and bad posture. The attendances during the year numbered 42.

HANDICAPPED PUPILS

The definition of the various categories of handicapped pupils is set forth in paragraph 4 of Part II of the Handicapped Pupils and Special School Regulations, 1959, which came into operation on the 1st April, 1959, and the numbers on the Register at the end of the year are as follows:

							<i>Boys</i>		<i>Girls</i>		<i>Total</i>
(a)	Blind	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2
(b)	Partially Sighted	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	6
(c)	Deaf	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	6	...	10
(d)	Partially Deaf	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	6	...	13
(e)	Educationally Sub-Normal	...	...	...	...	...	84	...	64	...	148
(f)	Epileptic	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2
(g)	Maladjusted	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	3	...	9
(h)	Physically Handicapped	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	11	...	26
(i)	Speech Defect	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	—	...	—
(j)	Delicate	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	3	...	9
							<hr/> 127	...	<hr/> 98	...	<hr/> 225

86 boys and 73 girls are attending Special Schools.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

No school or department was closed on account of communicable disease during the year.

SCARLET FEVER. The number of cases notified in children of school age was 56, compared with 59 in 1958.

DIPHTHERIA. No case was notified in a child of school age and none in 1958.

MEASLES. 110 cases were notified amongst school children, as against 359 in 1958.

POLIOMYELITIS. One case occurred in a child of school age.

WHOOPING COUGH. 77 cases were notified amongst school children, as compared with 14 in 1958.

Protection against Diphtheria

Immunisation of children as described in previous reports commenced in 1932, and during the year 985 children under five years of age and 314 children of school age completed the course. Arrangements now operate whereby children already immunised are offered a third inoculation on entry into school in order to raise their immunity and 619 children were so treated during the year.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

During the year 2,574 school children were vaccinated against poliomyelitis.

B.C.G. Vaccination

In accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Health, under Circular 7/59, the Authority's scheme for B.C.G. vaccination has been extended to children aged 14 years and upwards and 545 school children were vaccinated during the year. In addition, out of a total of 153 contacts vaccinated, 148 were children of school age.

NURSERY CLASSES

		<i>No. of New Admissions in 1959</i>		<i>No. on Roll 18.12.59</i>		<i>Average No. in attendance Jan.-Dec., 1959</i>
Linacre	...	28	...	25	...	28
St. Monica's	...	45	...	55	...	50
Salisbury	...	48	...	41	...	39
St. Mary's	...	45	...	44	...	42

The demand for Nursery places still continues to exceed the number of vacancies available in the classes. Children accepted for admission have, in the main, attended well and have shown the mental and physical development to be expected from regular attendances at the Nurseries.

Many children with problems of behaviour and difficult domestic circumstances have had the benefit of the routine provided by the Nurseries; and the resultant marked improvement in these children has made worth while the additional work occasioned by these cases.

Numerous applications for the admission of children under three years of age continue to be received but, as in the past, admissions in this age range have been limited to exceptional cases.

The suggestion of part-time admissions to the Nurseries as outlined by the Ministry of Education in Circular 8/60 was reported by the Director to the Schools Sub-Committee and the question was fully discussed. After giving the matter careful consideration, it was decided that, as far as Bootle is concerned, no useful purpose would be served at present by altering the existing scheme of provision of Nursery Education in the Borough.

The members of the staff of the Nursery Classes have given voluntarily much of their spare time to further the interests of the children in the Classes and have also offered their services during holidays to organisations requiring help with children.

Students continue to receive training in Bootle Nurseries for the Certificate of the National Nursery Nurses' Examination Board and again there were no failures amongst Bootle students in the examination held in 1959.

AFTER CARE

Arrangements for the after-care of children ascertained to be suffering from defects remained as described in previous reports, viz., verbal or written advice is given by the Medical Officer or School Nurse, together with re-inspection each term. In the course of their after-care work the School Nurses paid 1,986 visits to the homes to explain the need for treatment and the way in which it could be obtained. Action is also taken in giving supervision where necessary to children who have been in hospital. In this connection it is desired to acknowledge the co-operation of the Hospital Authorities, particularly the Medical Superintendent of Alder Hey Hospital, in forwarding reports on children discharged from hospital.

PROVISION OF MEALS

The family circumstances of all children eligible to receive meals free of charge in Bootle Schools were reviewed in March, 1959, together with those of Bootle pupils attending Outside Grammar and Technical Schools, and were dealt with as under:—

Applications granted (for Bootle Schools)	...	...	...	874
„ „ (for Bootle Pupils in Outside Schools)				61
Outside Authority pupils on free meals in Bootle Schools				2
Applications overscale	...	...	...	77
Total dealt with for review				1014

The total number of pupils eligible to receive meals free of charge in Bootle Schools at 31st December, 1959, was:—

1,190 in Bootle Schools per day;

86 Bootle pupils in Outside Schools per day.

During the year, the following School Meals Premises were opened:—

<i>Kitchens</i>	<i>Opening date</i>
Netherton Park County Primary Junior School	
Kitchen Dining Room	1.9.59
St. Oswald's Church of England Junior School	
Kitchen Dining Room	1.9.59
Our Lady of Walsingham Roman Catholic Infants'	
School Kitchen Dining Room	1.9.59

Dining Centre:

Countess of Derby County Secondary School for Girls 1.9.59

The number of School Dinners consumed was:

Free	197,506
Paid	590,858
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	788,364

Milk:

The number of one-third pint bottles provided during the period under review was 2,439,544.

The number of individual children supplied with meals and milk on a normal day in October, 1959, was:

Meals: Free	1,021
Paid	3,435
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Total	4,456
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Milk	13,129

Schools

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SWIMMING—Swimming has maintained a prominent place in the physical education programme for girls and boys, and attendance at swimming baths has increased appreciably.

Child attendances at Swimming Baths for 1959

<i>Girls:</i>	Primary	16,007
	Secondary	14,576
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	Total	30,583
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<i>Boys:</i>	Primary	18,312
	Secondary	24,678
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	Total	42,990
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TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR 1959—73,573 (an increase of 6,942 attendances over the previous year).

Every Junior and Secondary department now attends for swimming lessons over the Summer Term, and only 5 departments withdraw during the winter months.

Private coaches conveyed 30 outlying departments to the swimming baths throughout the year.

Increased attendance has produced improved results in swimming examinations. In addition to a large number of L.E.A. awards, the following were gained during the year:

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS

Elementary Certificates	...	...	...	2
"Unigrip" Rescue Certificates	...	...	...	98
Intermediate Certificates	...	...	...	79
Bronze Medallion Awards	...	...	...	36
Bronze Cross Awards	...	...	...	13
Scholar/Instructor's Certificates	...	...	...	4
Total				232 awards

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' SWIMMING ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Schools' Medallist Awards	...	...	...	59
Schools' Advanced Awards	...	...	...	5
Total				64 awards

Total of proficiency awards gained—296 (an increase of 98 awards over the previous year).

THE SCHOOLS' SWIMMING ASSOCIATIONS organised the usual Annual Inter-Schools' Swimming Galas, and most Secondary Schools now include galas and R.L.S.S. instruction in their own programmes.

The Bootle Police Life-Saving Competition for schoolboys had an entry of eight teams and very high standards were achieved.

GAMES AND ATHLETICS

Derby Park Tennis Courts were again made available to Secondary Schools and were used throughout the Summer and Autumn Terms.

The problem of finding accommodation for all field activities is still present, Stuart Road Playing Fields and Orrell Pleasure Ground having borne most of the strain during the year.

The future looks much brighter as the playing fields laid out at the following schools will be available for use at the beginning of Summer Term, 1961.

Grammar/Technical School for Boys
Princess Royal County Primary School
Netherton Moss County Primary School
St. Paul's School

During the Summer Term, EVENING GAMES CENTRES were again in operation on two evenings per week, at Stuart Road Playing Field. Instructors were available for athletics and games coaching. These Centres catered for boys and girls of Secondary School age and an attendance of 70—80 children was maintained each week.

ORGANISATIONS

Organisations operated by teachers, on a voluntary basis, continued to function and many valuable out-of-school activities were organised by them.

EXISTING ORGANISATIONS:

- Schoolboys' Swimming Association
- Schoolgirls' Swimming Association
- Schools' Football Association
- Schools Cricket Association
- Schools' Athletics Association
- *Schoolboys' Basketball Association
- *Schoolgirls' Netball Association

*Associations instituted during 1959.

TEACHERS' COURSE

Local courses were held for Bootle teachers as follows:

	<i>Course</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Primary P.E. Demonstration/Lecture held at Gray Street School	49
Primary P.E. Demonstration/Lecture held at St. Oswald's C.E. School	29
Boys' Secondary Schools' Basketball Course	16
Course in English Folk Dance	77

In addition, eight teachers from Bootle attended a one-week vacation course at Blackpool, in various aspects of physical education.

NEW SCHOOLS

Four new schools were opened during the year, each equipped with the latest physical education apparatus.

Post-School

EVENING INSTITUTES

Non-Vocational Classes in physical education were held at Evening Institutes as follows:

BALLIOL EVENING INSTITUTE

- P.E. and Football Training (Junior) 7—9 p.m. on Monday
- Country and Ballroom Dancing (Junior) 7—9 p.m. on Tuesday
- P.E. and Football Training (Adult) 7—9 p.m. on Tuesday

ST. JAMES' EVENING INSTITUTE

- P.E. and Games Training (Junior) 7—9 p.m. on Tuesday
- Ballroom Dancing (Junior) 7—9 p.m. on Wednesday

ST. GEORGE OF ENGLAND EVENING INSTITUTE

P.E. and Games (Boys)	7—9 p.m. on Thursdays
Ballroom, Folk and Square Dancing	7—9 p.m. on Mondays

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Qualified instructors were made available, free of charge, to all affiliated Youth Organisations requesting such services, and where the demand was deemed great enough.

Two centres of the newly-formed YOUTH ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION were opened at St. Joan's R.C. Secondary School and Warwick Bolam County Secondary School. Boys and Girls between the ages of 15 years and 20 years were catered for in Badminton, Netball, Basketball, Gymnastics and Games Coaching. Qualified instructors were in attendance at each session. Centres met on one evening each week and an overall average of 50—60 young people were catered for.

SWIMMING

At Balliol Road Baths, swimming training facilities were made available to all affiliated Youth Organisations. 16 Clubs were accommodated.

The Annual Service of Youth Swimming Gala was held successfully.

ATHLETICS

Each Tuesday and Thursday evening throughout the Summer Term, an Athletics coach was in attendance at Stuart Road Playing Field for the purpose of coaching members of Youth Organisations attending. An attendance of 30—40 was achieved each week.

The Annual Service of Youth Athletics Meeting was held successfully.

TENNIS

The tennis courts at the Grammar School for Girls' were available each evening for use by all affiliated Clubs from Monday to Friday inclusive. 9 Clubs were able to take advantage of these facilities.

CRICKET

At Orrell Pleasure Ground, 2 concrete cricket wickets were available for use by Clubs on 3 evenings each week during the cricket season. 6 Clubs made use of these wickets.

Physical Education has played an important role in the programme of activities of most Clubs and enthusiasm is increasing.

B. H. LAWSON,
Organiser of Physical Education

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

129 boys and 2 girls desiring employment as messengers were examined, also 6 girls for theatrical productions, and certificates were granted in all cases. These interviews gave opportunity to advise on faults in hygiene, particularly as regards care of the teeth, and to obtain treatment of physical defects.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT
RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959

PART I

**MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED
AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
(INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)**

Table A.—Periodic Medical Inspections

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth)	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
		SATISFACTORY		UNSATISFACTORY	
		No.	% of Col. 2	No.	% of Col. 2
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1955 and later	100	97	97·00	3	3·00
1954	297	292	98·32	5	1·68
1953	1075	1070	99·53	5	0·47
1952	473	470	99·37	3	0·63
1951	81	81	100·00	—	—
1950	20	20	100·00	—	—
1949	13	13	100·00	—	—
1948	943	938	99·47	5	0·53
1947	448	447	99·78	1	0·22
1946	2	2	100·00	—	—
1945	970	966	99·59	4	0·41
1944 and earlier	382	381	99·74	1	0·26
TOTAL	4804	4777	99·44	27	0·56

Table B.—Pupils found to require Treatment at Periodic Medical Inspections
(excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin)

Age Groups Inspected (By year of birth) (1)	For defective vision (excluding squint) (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Part II (3)	Total individual pupils (4)
1955 and later	—	13	13
1954	2	52	53
1953	17	235	242
1952	11	107	114
1951	5	17	20
1950	3	3	6
1949	1	—	1
1948	177	191	309
1947	75	91	149
1946	—	—	—
1945	196	196	346
1944 and earlier	129	90	188
TOTAL	616	995	1441

Table C.—Other Inspections

Number of Special Inspections	3,057
Number of Re-inspections	4,663
Total	7,720

Table D.—Infestation with Vermin

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by school nurses or other authorised persons	39,105
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested ...	1,029
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	—
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	—

PART II

DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION DURING THE YEAR

Table A.—Periodic Inspections

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS							
		ENTRANTS		LEAVERS		OTHERS		TOTAL	
		(T) (3)	(O) (4)	(T) (5)	(O) (6)	(T) (7)	(O) (8)	(T) (9)	(O) (10)
4	Skin	47	71	66	44	57	43	170	158
5	Eyes—								
	a. Vision ...	33	12	318	41	265	61	616	114
	b. Squint ...	73	45	5	5	16	8	94	58
	c. Other ...	33	28	6	8	20	5	59	41
6	Ears—								
	a. Hearing ...	19	36	28	19	16	4	63	59
	b. Otitis								
	Media ...	24	25	13	7	15	6	52	38
	c. Other ...	49	212	75	78	69	115	193	405
7	Nose & Throat	55	247	24	42	31	132	110	421
8	Speech	6	57	2	12	9	22	17	91
9	Lymphatic								
	Glands ...	8	164	—	10	3	49	11	223
10	Heart	10	112	1	34	3	45	14	191
11	Lungs	11	146	12	37	8	55	31	238
12	Developmental								
	a. Hernia ...	25	34	—	1	3	1	28	36
	b. Other ...	33	162	14	18	7	49	54	229
13	Orthopaedic—								
	a. Posture ...	5	9	1	6	9	13	15	28
	b. Feet ...	50	52	21	24	21	40	92	116
	c. Other ...	67	158	45	65	51	90	163	313
14	Nervous System								
	a. Epilepsy ...	—	7	—	2	—	6	—	15
	b. Other ...	8	122	4	19	7	42	19	183
15	Psychological—								
	a. Develop- ment ...	1	13	—	5	41	20	42	38
	b. Stability ...	—	13	—	8	1	13	1	34
16	Abdomen ...	—	5	—	5	—	10	—	20
17	Other	228	391	158	112	197	162	583	665

Table B.—Special Inspections

Defect Code No. (1)	Defect or Disease (2)	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		Pupils requiring Treatment (3)	Pupils requiring Observation (4)
4	Skin	1106	—
5	Eyes—		
	a. Vision	43	3
	b. Squint	9	—
	c. Other	222	3
6	Ears—		
	a. Hearing... ..	6	4
	b. Otitis Media... ..	71	—
	c. Other	183	4
7	Nose and Throat	70	10
8	Speech	7	5
9	Lymphatic Glands	7	4
10	Heart	1	9
11	Lungs	6	16
12	Developmental—		
	a. Hernia	2	2
	b. Other	—	3
13	Orthopaedic—		
	a. Posture	4	1
	b. Feet	38	6
	c. Other	41	29
14	Nervous System—		
	a. Epilepsy	—	3
	b. Other	2	5
15	Psychological—		
	a. Development	2	2
	b. Stability	1	4
16	Abdomen	—	—
17	Other	927	31

PART III

TREATMENT OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED AND ASSISTED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (INCLUDING NURSERY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS)

Table A.—Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	<i>Number of cases known to have been dealt with</i>
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	440
Errors of refraction (including squint)	1269
Total	1709
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	767

Table B.—Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	<i>Number of cases known to have been dealt with</i>
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for diseases of the ear	5
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	35
(c) for other nose and throat conditions... ..	—
Received other forms of treatment	403
Total	443
Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids—	
(a) in 1959	2
(b) in previous years	21

Table C.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

					<i>Number of cases known to have been treated</i>
(a)	Pupils treated at clinics or out-patients departments	...	...	...	247
(b)	Pupils treated at school for postural defects	...	...	...	—
	Total	...	...	...	247

Table D.—Diseases of the Skin

(excluding uncleanliness, for which see Table D of Part I)

					<i>Number of cases known to have been treated</i>
Ringworm—(a)	Scalp	...	.....	...	—
	(b) Body	...	...	...	8
Scabies	...	...	...	...	20
Impetigo	...	...	...	...	133
Other skin diseases	...	...	...	...	988
	Total	...	...	...	1149

Table E.—Child Guidance Treatment

		<i>Number of cases known to have been treated</i>
Pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics	...	13

Table F.—Speech Therapy

		<i>Number of cases known to have been treated</i>
Pupils treated by speech therapists	...	25

Table G.—Other Treatment Given

				<i>Number of cases known to have been dealt with</i>
(a)	Pupils with minor ailments	...	...	942
(b)	Pupils who received convalescent treatment under School Health Service arrangements	...	...	23
(c)	Pupils who received B.C.G. vaccination			545
(d)	Other than (a), (b) and (c) above	...		—
	Total (a)—(d)	...		1510

PART IV

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT CARRIED OUT BY
THE AUTHORITY

(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers:—					
(a) At Periodic Inspections	6848
(b) As Specials	1349
Total (1)	8197
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(2) Number found to require treatment	5912
(3) Number offered treatment	3625
(4) Number actually treated	...	...	...	...	1901
(5) Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment, including those recorded at 11(h)	...	...	...	...	2853
(6) Half days devoted to:—					
(a) Periodic (School) Inspection	36
(b) Treatment	699
Total (6)	735
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(7) Fillings:—					
(a) Permanent Teeth	1358
(b) Temporary Teeth	128
Total (7)	1486
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(8) Number of Teeth filled:—					
(a) Permanent Teeth	1180
(b) Temporary Teeth	128
Total (8)	1308
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(9) Extractions:—					
(a) Permanent Teeth	962
(b) Temporary Teeth	1015
Total (9)	1977
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(10)	Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	1233
(11)	Orthodontics:—			
(a)	Cases commenced during the year	...	...	21
(b)	Cases carried forward from previous year	...	...	9
(c)	Cases completed during the year	...	...	21
(d)	Cases discontinued during the year	...	...	4
(e)	Pupils treated with appliances	...	...	21
(f)	Removable appliances fitted	...	...	22
(g)	Fixed appliances fitted	...	...	—
(h)	Total attendances	...	...	126
(12)	Number of pupils supplied with artificial teeth	...	...	36
(13)	Other operations:—			
(a)	Permanent teeth	...	...	789
(b)	Temporary teeth	...	...	—
	Total (13)	...	...	789

STAFF OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Medical Officers	...	...	4 (3 full-time; 1 part-time).
Dental Officers	...	...	1 whole-time; 2 part-time.
School Nurses	...	...	5
Dental Attendants	...	...	2

LOCATION OF SCHOOL CLINICS

Clinic Sessions are held at the Health Centre, Knowsley Road, and at the School Medical Offices, Balliol Road.

PARTICULARS OF CLINIC SESSIONS HELD

Examination and/or treatment	Health Centre Knowsley Road	School Medical Offices Balliol Road	
	By staff of local health authority	Under arrange- ments made with the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board	By staff of local health authority
A. Minor ailment and other non-specialist examina- tion or treatment	Daily a.m.	—	Daily a.m.
B. Dental	Daily	—	By appointment
C. Ophthalmic	—	—	4 times weekly
D. Ear, Nose and Throat...	—	Fortnightly	—
E. Orthopaedic	—	Fortnightly	—

HANDICAPPED PUPILS REQUIRING EDUCATION AT SPECIAL SCHOOLS, Approved under Section 9 (5) of the Education Act, 1944 (OTHER THAN HOSPITAL SCHOOLS) or BOARDING IN BOARDING HOMES

	Blind	Partially Sighted	Deaf	Partially Deaf	Delicate	Physically Handicapped	Educationally Sub-Normal	Maladjusted	Epileptic	Total (1)–(9)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1959, handicapped pupils—										
A. newly placed in Special Schools or Boarding Homes	1	2	1	1	3	1	21	3	—	33
B. newly assessed as needing special educational treatment at Special Schools or in Boarding Homes	1	—	2	2	3	2	27	2	—	39
On or about 31st January, 1960, number of handicapped pupils from the Authority's area—										
C. (i) were on the registers of										
1. maintained special schs.										
(a) as day pupils ...	—	2	2	1	1	2	103	—	—	111
(b) as boarding pupils	—	—	4	2	3	—	—	2	—	11
2. non-maintained spec. schs.										
(a) as day pupils ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) as boarding pupils	2	3	4	8	—	4	9	—	1	31
(ii) were on the registers of independent schs. under arrangements made by the Authority	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
(iii) were boarded in homes and not already included under (i) or (ii)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
TOTAL C ...	2	5	10	11	4	6	112	7	1	158
D. being educated under arrangements made under Section 56 of the Education Act, 1944—										
(i) in hospitals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(ii) in other groups (e.g., units for spastics) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) at home	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2

E. requiring places in special schools:										
(i) Total	(a) day	...	...	—	—	—	—	1	—	14
	(b) boarding	...	...	—	1	—	1	—	2	—
									1	5
Pupils included in the totals above:										
(ii) who had not reached the age of 5:										
(a) awaiting day places				—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) awaiting boarding places				—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(iii) who had reached the age of 5 but whose parents had not consented to their admission to a special school:										
(a) awaiting day places				—	—	—	—	—	1	—
(b) awaiting boarding places				—	1	—	1	—	2	—
										4
F. On the registers of hospital Special Schools										
				...	...	...	...	...	...	1
G. During the calendar year ended 31st December, 1959, children reported to the local health authority—										
(a) under Section 57 (3) (excluding any returned under (b))				...	...	...	...	...	...	10
(b) " " " " relying on Section 57 (4)				...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(c) " " " " (5) of the Education Act, 1944				...	...	...	...	...	...	9

